

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 15, 18, 20 and 29 as follows:

Claims 1-14 (canceled)

15. (currently amended): ~~A seat for the transportation of a passenger, in an installation for amusement parks,~~ A passenger seat in an amusement park installation, said seat comprising a support supporting a seat base fixed on said support, wherein said seat comprises a device for locking the legs of the passenger, wherein said device comprises two flaps mounted at an end portion of said support for articulation between an open position and a closed position, wherein said flaps co-operate with portions of said seat base so as to encircle the legs of the seated passenger in said closed position.

16. (original): A seat according to claim 15, having lateral parts projecting below the base and serving for the lateral holding of the legs of a passenger, the said lateral parts being arranged to cooperate with the flaps for locking the legs of the passenger.

17. (previously presented): A seat according to claim 15, further comprising a mechanism for actuating the movement of the flaps and having members acting on levers fixed to the flaps.

18. (currently amended): ~~A passenger seat according to claim 17, in an amusement park installation, said seat comprising a support supporting a seat base fixed on said support, wherein said seat comprises a device for locking the legs of the passenger, wherein said device comprises two flaps mounted at an end portion of said support for articulation between an open position and a closed position, wherein said flaps co-operate with portions of said seat base so as to encircle the legs of the seated~~

passenger in said closed position, further comprising a mechanism for actuating the movement of the flaps and having members acting on levers fixed to the flaps, wherein the mechanism for actuating the movement of the flaps comprises an actuation lever mounted for pivoting on the support of the base of the seat and fixed to a shaft, each ends of which are connected to the end of one of the said levers fixed to the flaps.

19. (previously presented): A seat according to claim 18, wherein the mechanism for actuating the movement of the flaps is controlled by a pedal fixed to the said actuation lever and arranged to control the movement of the said actuation lever.

20. (currently amended): A passenger seat according to claim 17, in an amusement park installation, said seat comprising a support supporting a seat base fixed on said support, wherein said seat comprises a device for locking the legs of the passenger, wherein said device comprises two flaps mounted at an end portion of said support for articulation between an open position and a closed position, wherein said flaps co-operate with portions of said seat base so as to encircle the legs of the seated passenger in said closed position, further comprising a mechanism for actuating the movement of the flaps and having members acting on levers fixed to the flaps, and having control means for at least temporarily slaving the mechanism for actuating the movement of the flaps to a holding device for holding the top of the body of the passenger in the seat, so as to obtain the automatic closure of the flaps when closing the device for holding the top of the body of the passenger in the seat.

21. (previously presented): A seat according to claim 20, wherein the mechanism for actuating the movement of the flaps is controlled by means of a cable

fixed to a lever for actuating the movement of the flaps and connected to a lever fixed to the holding device for holding the top of the body of the passenger in the seat.

22. (previously presented): A seat according to claim 20, wherein the said control means include an intermediate cam formed and arranged so as to allow the temporary connection of the mechanism actuating the movement of the flaps to the movement of the holding device holding the top of the body of the passenger during the closure movement of the latter device.

23. (previously presented): A seat according to claim 22, wherein the said control means include a first connection member articulated at one of its ends on a lever fixed to a holding device for holding the top of the body of the passenger and articulated at its other end through a first shaft on one of the ends of a link mounted for articulation at its other end on the cam, and a second connecting member articulated at one of its ends through a second shaft on the mechanism for actuating the movement of the flaps and articulated at its other end on the cam.

24. (previously presented): A seat according to claim 23, further having a roller mounted on said first shaft for articulating the said first connecting member on the said link, and arranged so as to cooperate with a nose-shaped part of the cam, so as to cause the pivoting of the said cam.

25. (previously presented): A seat according to claim 24, wherein the said link has, at the point of its articulation on the cam, a piercing formed so as to constitute a clearance on the said articulation enabling said roller to pass round the nose-shaped part of the cam once the flaps are closed.

26. (previously presented): A seat according to claim 18, wherein the mechanism for actuating the movement of the flaps is actuated by at least one electric motor.

27. (previously presented): A seat according to claim 26, wherein the said electric motor is controlled electronically during the opening/closing movement of a holding device for holding the passenger in the seat.

28. (previously presented): A seat according to claim 18, having a hydraulic jack for locking the flaps in the closed position, the said jack being made integral with the actuating lever, so that the pivoting of the said actuating lever causes the actuation of the jack.

29. (currently amended): A ~~device~~ seat according to claim 20, having a hydraulic jack for locking the flaps in the closed position, the said jack being made integral with the actuating lever, so that the pivoting of the said actuating lever causes the actuation of the jack.